Details requested by the C&AG and the CVC have been made available to them. The Ministry of Defence is extending all possible co-operation to the CVC and the C&AG for expeditious completion of Review/Special Audit/ investigations by them.

Bihar Soldiers Killed and injured in Kargil War

†2141. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of soldiers from Bihar who were either killed or injured during Krgil war;

(b) whether the families of all these soldiers have been provided financial assistance by Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d) The details of Army personnel belonging to Bihar, killed during Kargil conflict are as under:

Officer	JCO	Other Rank
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State-wise details of unjured soldiers are not being maintained. A comprehensive welfare package has been provided to the next of kin of the Army personnel killed in the Kargil conflict. This includes ex-gratia lumpsem copensation of Rs.10 lakhs; liberalised special family pension on the basis of last pay drawn by the deceased soldier; and death gratuity and family gratuity as per specified rates, as applicable. Apart from the above, the following assistance has been provided from the National Defence Fund: Rs.5 lakhs for dwelling unit; Rs. 1 lakh per child for education upto two childern per family; Rs. 1.20 lakhs for needy parents who were dependent on the decased soliders. An additional exgratia amount of Rs. 30,000/has also been provided from the Army Central Welfare Fund. Besides, the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has separately earmarked LPG dealerships/distributorships for allocation to the next of kin of the Army Personnel killed.

Finanical assistance as above has been provided to NOKs, as applicable, on completion of necessary documentation.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.